

REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request consideration of the subject application as amended herein. This Amendment is submitted in response to the Office Action mailed August 26, 2008. Claims 17-18, 20, 23-26, 28 and 30-31 stand rejected. In this Amendment, claims 17, 23, 24 and 30 have been amended. No new matter has been added. Claims 25-26 and 28-29 have been canceled without prejudiced.

35 U.S.C. §101

The Examiner has rejected claims 17-18, 20, 23-26, 28 and 30-31 under 35 U.S.C. §101 because the claimed invention is directed to non-statutory subject matter.

Claims 17-18, 20 and 23-24 have been amended to overcome the Examiner's rejection. Claims 25-26 and 28-29 have been canceled without prejudice. Accordingly, the rejection of claims 25-26 and 28-29 is moot. With respect to claim 30, the present specification has been amended to remove the language referenced by the Examiner.

In view of the above, Applicants respectfully requests that the Examiner withdraw the rejections under 35 U.S.C. §101 and submits that the pending claims are in condition for allowance.

ALLOWABLE SUBJECT MATTER

Applicants thank the Examiner for indicating that claims 1-6 and 8-16 are allowed.

DEPOSIT ACCOUNT AUTHORIZATION

Authorization is hereby given to charge our Deposit Account No. 02-2666 for any charges that may be due. Furthermore, if an extension is required, then Applicant hereby requests such extension.

If the Examiner determines the prompt allowance of these claims could be facilitated by a telephone conference, the Examiner is invited to contact Marina Portnova at (408) 720-8300.

Respectfully submitted,
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